

categorical providers already authorized in Title 38. Furthermore, this bill will permit the Secretary to appoint chiropractors on a full-time basis. Currently, chiropractors are only available to veterans on a fee or contract basis, thereby causing VA additional administrative expenses and inconveniencing the veterans who need this care. With this bill chiropractors may also be appointed to intern or residency positions, or on a part time or intermittent basis, as dictated by need. My bill will afford to chiropractors practicing in VA facilities the same privileges and responsibilities of other VA caregivers.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation. My bill will provide an additional, needed specialty care program for our nation's veterans, who are most deserving of this benefit.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 10, 2003*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 9, 2003, I was unable to cast my floor vote on roll call numbers 249, 250, and 251. The votes I missed include rollcall vote 249 on Suspending the Rules and Passing H.R. 1610, the Walt Disney Post Office Building Designation Act; rollcall vote 250 on Suspending the Rules and Agreeing to H. Con. Res. 162, Honoring the city of Dayton, Ohio for hosting "Inventing Flight: the Centennial Celebration;" and rollcall vote 251 on Suspending the Rules and Passing S. 763, the Birch Bayh Federal Building and U.S. Court House Designation Act.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 249, 250, and 251.

#### CONGRATULATING AETNA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2003*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Connecticut delegation to congratulate Aetna as it celebrates a milestone. On June 14, 2003 Aetna Inc. will observe the 150th anniversary of its founding.

The year 1853 was an extraordinary one for America. Our country was 77 years old and on the brink of Civil War. Despite the strife of the times a handful of leading business, civic and cultural leaders founded a company that would evolve into Aetna Inc., one of the nation's largest health care and employee benefits companies serving over thirteen million Americans with medical coverage, over eleven million group customers and eleven million dental members, all served by over a half million health care service providers.

Since 1853 Aetna has never lost sight of its customers, always striving to meet their changing needs. The people of Aetna have been inspired by the fact that what they do is truly important: helping people protect against

the risks and uncertainties of life and promising to be there when needed the most.

Today Aetna is one of the nation's premier providers of health care and related benefits, dedicated to helping people achieve health and financial security. This occasion offers us the opportunity to thank Aetna for this commitment.

It is with great pleasure that we commend the employees of Aetna for their excellence and determination with which they perform their work. In its 150 years of existence Aetna has become an indispensable asset to the people and culture of Connecticut. Its contributions to both the business world and the fabric of life in our home state of Connecticut have been tremendous. It is therefore with great appreciation that we offer congratulations to Aetna on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary and wish Aetna and all those associated with it continued success for many years to come.

#### A TRIBUTE TO JOHN SEHE JONG HA

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2003*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of John Sehe Jong Ha in recognition of his dedication to his community and his commitment to world peace.

John's life is best defined by his service to both his immediate community and the global community. John is currently an Ambassador for Peace for the Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace. The goal of the organization is to develop world peace by harmonizing both the spiritual and material dimensions of life. He is also a member of the Global Cooperation Society Club. The goal of this group is to establish social harmony and friendship among nations around the world. Additionally, he is a member of the Advisory Council on Democratic and Peaceful Unification U.S.A New York Area Councils. The Council advises the president of The Republic of Korea on issues pertaining to the unification of North and South Korea.

John is the CEO of Korean American Senior Citizens Society of Greater New York. He is responsible for overseeing the operation for the benefit of its 2400 members. He is also on the senior advisory council of The Korean-American Youth Foundation. John also serves as president of the Korean-American Traditional Art Development Association. This organization preserves traditional Korean Art and develops talent among the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Korean generations throughout the United States. He is also the chairman of the Greater New York TaeKwon-Do Association. He is responsible for the association's membership of 300 grandmasters.

John has been honored by the Republic of Korea with a Certificate of Official Commendation and a Certificate of Appreciation. Our government has awarded him a certificate of Appreciation as well.

John came to the United States in 1956 and became a citizen in 1972. He began his professional career at McCann-Erickson Advertising, Inc. in 1962. He followed this position as the CEO/President/Producer of Korean Television Broadcasting Corporation of New York

from 1974 to 1983. For his last professional job, John was CEO/President of Galaxy Children's Shoes, Inc. from 1984 to 1995. Currently, he is retired.

John is married and has two sons. He enjoys golf, table tennis, and travel. He is fluent in English and Korean and speaks some Spanish.

Mr. Speaker, John Sehe Jong Ha is committed to assisting the Korean-American community in New York and working toward world peace. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF VICENTA B. PEREDO

#### HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 11, 2003*

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform the House that Vicenta B. Peredo recently passed away. She was also known as "Seabee Betty" and for years she had provided a home away from home for the Seabees in Guam. She frequently held fiestas for the deployed battalions, which were always well attended, and gave her world renowned status within the Seabees. She was also annually crowned queen of the Seabees Ball. It was said that stories circulated about Seabee Betty even in Gulf Port, Mississippi.

Vicenta Peredo lived in the village of Yona, where she held these fiestas since 1951. At the fiestas she served all different types of local food to give the Seabees the experience of Chamorro hospitality and to make them feel right at home.

Even the Seabees helped to make sure the fiestas would continue when her house was damaged by a typhoon. After the roof of her kitchen collapsed, one of her daughters jokingly said that the Seabees might fix it tomorrow. It actually took the Seabees two days to fix her kitchen.

Vicenta Peredo also had fiestas that coincided with the birthdays of the Saints. She would pray for nine days, a novena, then cook a large amount of food and invite the Seabees over to enjoy the fiesta. She also wanted to give the Seabees a place to get away from the Naval Base and enjoy the rest of the island. She was a woman who always thought about the Seabees first and in return she received the rare distinction of being named an honorary Navy Seabee.

I join the Peredo family and all the people of Guam in sorrow that Vicenta Peredo is no longer with us, but I am proud to say that she touched so many people during her life. I am also very proud of the way that she reached out to the Seabees and her ability to be a great symbol of the generosity that the people of Guam have to extend to the visitors of the island.

We love you Vicenta and our thoughts and prayers are with your family. I am sure she will be remembered by the Seabees with the honor and generosity she showed them in life. She showed us all that one person can make a difference, that one person can affect many lives.